

EXHIBIT 5.3.4.1

SECRETARY'S SHORTAGE SHARING APPROACH
UNDER THE 1980 CONTRACT

**Secretary's Approach for Determining
The Amount of Water Available to the Nation
During a Time of Shortage Under 1980 Contract**

If the Available CAP Supply is insufficient to fill all orders for CAP water, the Secretary shall take the following steps, in succession, as necessary to match the available supply with orders for the delivery of CAP water in each of the categories described below:

1. First, miscellaneous uses of CAP water are reduced, pro rata. If, after eliminating all miscellaneous uses of CAP water, there is still insufficient available CAP water to meet outstanding orders for the delivery of CAP water, the Secretary shall take the following measure.
2. Uses of CAP NIA Priority Water are reduced, pro rata. If, after eliminating all uses of CAP NIA Priority Water, there is still insufficient available CAP water to meet outstanding orders for delivery of CAP water, then the Secretary shall take the following measure.
3. Uses of CAP M&I Priority Water in excess of 510,000 acre-feet are reduced, pro rata. If, after eliminating all uses of CAP M&I Priority Water in excess of 510,000 acre-feet, there is still insufficient available CAP water to meet outstanding orders for delivery of CAP water, then the Secretary shall take the following measure.
4. If the preceding reductions do not bring CAP water orders in line with the Available CAP Supply, uses of CAP Indian Priority Water in excess of 291,574 acre-feet are reduced, in accordance with the Secretarial Decision published in the Federal Register on March 24, 1983.

5. If the preceding reductions do not bring CAP water orders in line with the Available CAP Supply, the available CAP water supply will be allocated between users of CAP Indian Priority Water and users of CAP M&I Priority Water on a 36.37518 and 63.62482 percentage basis, respectively.
6. If step 5 is implemented, the amount of water available for the Nation shall be determined by multiplying the amount of CAP Indian Priority Water by the ratio of the amount of water delivered pursuant to the Nation's CAP Water Delivery Contract in the latest non-shortage Year relative to the total quantity of water delivered to all CAP Contracts for Indian Priority Water in that same Year.